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CIA Would Punish Leakers

Proposal Aims at Federal Employees

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A CIA proposal to make it a crime for government employees to disclose national secrets without authorization is under review by the Office of Management and Budget,

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said yesterday.

The deputy press secretary said he does not know whether President Reagan would support such legislation.

The Central Intelligence Agency's proposal to crack down on employees who "willfully" disclose "any classified information" is included in a CIA authorization bill.

Speakes said that Reagan did not solicit the proposal. The administration has made other controversial proposals in the past to combat disclosures, including a presidential order imposing lifelong censorship on some officials and wider use of lie detectors to trace leak sources.

The New York Times disclosed the CIA move yesterday. It said the proposal would authorize prosecution of present or former government employees who disclosed any classified information to reporters or others outside the government.

The Times, which obtained a copy of the proposal, said the maximum penalty would be five years in prison and a \$25,000 fine. Signed by CIA Director William J. Casey, the proposal was stamped "secret."